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SUBJECT: MTN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

1. U.S. WOULD LIKE TO USE PRESENCE
OF SENIOR HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN GENEVA FOR GATT CON-
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SULTATIVE GROUP OF 18 (CG-18) MEETING IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 22-
23 TO PURSUE NEGOTIATION OUTSIDE OF CG-18 MEETING OF AN MTN
TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN JOINTLY WITH SEVERAL KEY MTN PARTI-
CIPANTS. ALTHOUGH U.S. WILL BE DISCUSSING ITS PROPOSALS FOR
A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN BILATERALLY IN CAPITALS
AND IN GENEVA WITH EC, JAPAN, CANADA AND OTHERS
EARLIER IN SEPTEMBER, CG-18 MEETING PROVIDES FIRST

OPPORTUNITY TO BRING KEY PARTICIPANTS FROM CAPITAL TOGETHER. TO BE EFFECTIVE, HOWEVER, IT IS IMPARTANTIVE THAT CG-18 REPS BE FAMILIAR WITH MTN TARIFF ISSUED AND BE IN A POSITION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR INTENTION TO PURSUE MTN TARIFF NEGOTIATION ON SIDE LINES OF CG-18 MEETING AND FOR THIS PURPOSE DETERMINE THE AVAILABILITY OF THEIR CG-18 REP TO ATTEND A MEETING SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 24. IN MAKING REQUEST YOU SHOULD STRESS THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A TARIFF NEGOTIATING PLAN TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN MEETING MTN TIMETABLE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF USING OCCASION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS PRESENCE IN GENEVA TO THIS END. YOU SHOULD NOTE IMPORTANCE, THEREFORE, OF THEIR CG-18 REP BEING IN A POSITION TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TARIFF PLAN AT THAT TIME.

3. FOR MTN GENEVA: YOU SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES TO LOCAL MTN DELS OF ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES, SUGGESTING, IF APPROPRIATE, WHERE PREVIOUS CG-18 REP MAY NOT ALSO BE MOST APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL FOR NEGOTIATING A MTN TARIFF PLAN.

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